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**Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
SWITCHING BETWEEN METRO ETHERNET
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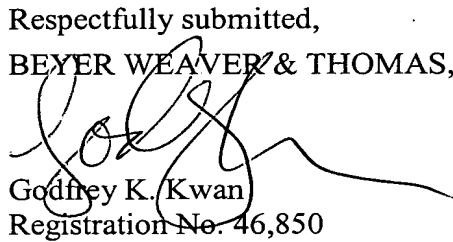
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	R	Ralph Santitoro, "Metro Ethernet Services - A Technical Overview", www.metroethernetforum.org February 5, 2004
	S	PCT Search Report, Application No. PCT/US2004/030510, Search Report mailed April 19, 2005
	T	PCT Written Opinion, Application No. PCT/US2004/030510, Written Opinion mailed April 19, 2005
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